

# **CITY OF LEWISTON**

**CITY COUNCIL**

**FEBRUARY 1, 2000**

## **REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL ROOM AT 7:00 P.M.**

THE HONORABLE KAILEIGH A. TARA, MAYOR, PRESIDING.

PRESENT: Councilors Gousse, Bernier, Carignan, Jean, Samson, Bilodeau, Adams, City Administrator Robert J. Mulready, Student Representative Karen Gagnon and City Clerk Kathleen Montejo

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Moment of Silence.

Committee Appointments

### **VOTE (1)**

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Carignan :

To confirm the Mayor's nomination of David Stone, 6 Caron Street, to a two year term on the Cable Television Advisory Committee, said term to expire January 2002.

To confirm the Mayor's nomination of Muriel Minkowsky, 1 South Avenue, to a five year term on the Planning Board, said term to expire January 2005.

To confirm the City Administrator's nomination of Janice Healy, 1 Lorraine Avenue, to a three year term on the Board of Assessment Review, said term to expire December 2002.

Passed - Vote 7-0

Council President Bilodeau appointed the following Councilors to serve on Council sub-committees:

Ordinance Committee:

Councilor Bernier and Councilor Bilodeau, Alternate Chairperson

Joint Standing Committee of the Auburn and Lewiston Councils:

Councilor Carignan and Councilor Bilodeau

### **VOTE (2)**

Motion by Councilor Carignan, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

To dispense with the reading of the minutes of the January 18, 2000, meetings and to accept and place them on file as prepared by the City Clerk. Passed - Vote 7-0

**APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR'S DOWNTOWN  
RENAISSANCE ADVISORY BOARD**

**VOTE (3)**

Motion by Councilor Carignan, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To have the councilors from wards three, five and six serve on the Mayor's Downtown Renaissance Advisory Board as ex-officio members, thereby creating two vacant full-member positions on the Board. Passed - Vote 7-0

**VOTE (4)**

Motion by Councilor Carignan, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

To appoint the following people to serve as members of the Mayor's Downtown Renaissance Advisory Board: Paul Badeau, Paul Bonneau, Claudette Caron, Leighton Cooney, Rita Dube, Charles Gill, Michael Grimmer, Lionel Guay, Susan Mulready, Normand Rousseau, Donna Steckino, Dick Tardiff and Fredda Wolf. Ex-Officio members of the Board shall be: Councilor Carignan, ward 3; Councilor Samson, ward 5; Councilor Bilodeau, ward 6; Councilor Adams, ward seven and a representative from the L/A Excels program. Passed - Vote 7-0

**PUBLIC HEARING - CONDITION OF TAXI CAB VEHICLES**

The ordinance amendment pertaining to the condition of taxi cab vehicles received first reading at this time.

Arthur Taylor, owner of Celebrity Cab, spoke in favor of this ordinance amendment.

**VOTE (5)**

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Samson:

That the City Code, Chapter 82, Vehicles for Hire, sections 31 and 35 be amended regarding the appearance and condition of taxi cabs and insurance requirements, receive first passage by a roll call vote and that the public hearing on said ordinance be continued to the meeting of February 15, 2000 for final passage. Passed - Vote 7-0

**PUBLIC HEARING - RE-ZONING AT 1750 LISBON STREET**

The ordinance amendment pertaining to the re-zoning at 1750 Lisbon Street received first reading at this time.

**VOTE (6)**

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To approve first passage of the amendment to the Zoning and Land Use Code and Map to re-zone 1750 Lisbon Street from Industrial (I) District to Highway Business (HB) District.  
Passed - Vote 7-0

**VOTE (7)**

Motion by Councilor Carignan, seconded by Councilor Jean:

To waive the Rules Governing City Council Procedure and to hold final passage at this time. Passed - Vote 7-0

The ordinance amendment pertaining to the re-zoning at 1750 Lisbon Street received its second reading at this time.

**VOTE (8)**

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To approve final passage of the amendment to the Zoning and Land Use Code and Map to re-zone 1750 Lisbon Street from Industrial (I) District to Highway Business (HB) District.  
Passed - Vote 7-0

**LIQUOR LICENSES**

**VOTE (9)**

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To authorize the City Clerk's Office to approve the liquor license application for Manhattan Deli, 114 Lisbon Street. Passed - Vote 7-0

**VOTE (10)**

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Bernier:

To authorize the City Clerk's Office to approve the liquor license application and Special Amusement Permit for Dancing and Entertainment for The Cage, Inc., 97-99 Ash Street.  
Passed - Vote 7-0

**PRESENTATION ON GIS SYSTEM**

Representatives from the City's Engineering Department made a presentation to the Council on the Geographic Information System (GIS). They reviewed the progress to date with this program. The City has ariel photos of the entire city, and these have been digitalized in the computer program to show each land parcel and building within the City.

They are now working to add in data pertaining to each parcel and building, and will be creating a main database for the information. The mapping also shows all of the city streets, location of manhole covers, water lines, and so forth. The potential for use of this information is endless and the program will benefit each city department.

**ANNUAL SPRING ROAD POSTINGS****VOTE (11)**

Motion by Councilor Carignan, seconded by Councilor Jean:

To authorize the Public Works Department to post the following roads prohibiting vehicles having a gross weight of over 23,000 pounds.

From March 1, 2000 to May 1, 2000:

Ferry Road - From Cottage Road to River Road  
River Road - From Ferry Road to Solid Waste Facility  
Dyer Road - From Lisbon Road to Ferry Road  
Pinewoods Road - From Ferry Road to Town Line  
Gayton Road - From Lisbon Road to Town Line  
Webster Road - From Old Lisbon Road to Crowley Road  
Merrill Road - From College Road to Main Street  
Sleeper Road - From Merrill Road to Town Line  
Randall Road - From Sunrise Lane to Grove Street  
Grove Street - From Randall Road to Town Line  
Old Greene Road - From North Temple Street to Town Line  
No Name Pond Road - From Old Greene Road to Town Line  
Pond Road - From Old Greene Road to No Name Pond Road

From May 1, 2000 to May 1, 2001: Cotton Road - From Ferry Road to Town Line

Passed - Vote 7-0

**LIBBEY MILL CUPOLA**

Finance Director Richard Metivier addressed the Council regarding the recent vote of the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee voted 4-0 to advise the Mayor and the City Council that the Finance Committee, at its meeting of January 10, 2000, failed to ratify the award of the contract for the removal of the cupola at the WS Libbey Mill. It was noted the City Council and City Administrator viewed the removal of the cupola as an emergency issue, and during January 4, 2000 Council meeting, the Council voted to have the cupola removed at an estimated cost of \$13,000-\$16,000. This decision was based upon a recommendation from the City Administrator and as a result of a safety report from a structural engineering consultant deeming the building to be unsafe. The Council's decision was one of public safety and a desire to preserve a historical piece of city architecture.

**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER VEHICLE**

**VOTE (12)**

Motion by Councilor Samson, seconded by Councilor Jean:

ORDERED, That the City Council approve a request to transfer \$10,000 from the Criminal Investigation Division Salary account, number 42122-4011000, into the Animal Control Officer budget account, number 42910-4051000 Motor Vehicle Equipment, to cover expenses for the purchase of a vehicle for the Animal Control Officer. Passed - Vote 7-0

**ELECTION ISSUES**

**VOTE (13)**

Motion by Councilor Carignan, seconded by Councilor Jean:

That the hours for acceptance of registrations in person only, prior to the March 7<sup>th</sup> Election, as required by MRSA Title 21A, Section 122, 6A(2), be set at 8:00am to 4:30pm, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, through March 6<sup>th</sup>. Passed - Vote 7-0

**VOTE (14)**

Motion by Councilor Carignan, seconded by Councilor Jean :

That the names of those persons who register during the closed session for registration shall be recorded in accordance with MRSA, Title 21-A, Section 122 Subsection 7B, except the day prior to the election when they shall be recorded in accordance with Subsection 7A. Passed - Vote 7-0

**VOTE (15)**

Motion by Councilor Carignan, seconded by Councilor Jean:

Pursuant to Title 21-A, section 759(7), absentee ballots will be processed at the central polling place at 7:00am, 2:00pm, 4:00pm 6:00pm, 7:00pm and 8:00pm if necessary.  
Passed - Vote 7-0

**VOTE (16)**

Motion by Councilor Carignan, seconded by Councilor Jean:

To establish the polling place for Ward Six to be the Elks Lodge located at 1675 Lisbon Road. Passed - Vote 7-0

**VOTE (17)**

Motion by Councilor Carignan, seconded by Councilor Jean:

To confirm the following appointments by the City Clerk for the positions of Election Warden and Election Ward Clerk for the 2000-2002 term:

1-1	Dora Girouard	118 Spring Street	Warden
	Mildred M. Whittingham	12 Whipple Street	Ward Clerk
1-2	Diane T. Grandmaison	430 College Street	Warden
	Gail D. Allen	422 College Street	Ward Clerk
2-1	Anna R. Gosselin	625 College Street	Warden
	Claire Gagne	31 Eaton Street	Ward Clerk
2-2	Anna R. Gosselin	625 College Street	Warden
	Claire Gagne	31 Eaton Street	Ward Clerk
3-1	Jeanne Lessard	89 Shawmut Street	Warden
	Pauline Danforth	10 Venise Avenue	Ward Clerk
3-2	Simonne Nadeau	31 Stanley Street	Warden
	Gracia Eisman	7 Webster Street	Ward Clerk
4-1	Jacqueline Labrecque	340 Grove Street	Warden
	Annette D. Berube	211 Randall Road	Ward Clerk
4-2	Theresa Landry	211 Randall Rd. Apt. 61	Warden
	Patricia J. Belanger	54 Fisher Avenue	Ward Clerk
5-1	Alvira Caron	161 East Avenue	Warden
	Alice Gagnon	88 Shawmut Street	Ward Clerk
5-2	Renamay S. Moreau	36 Orange Street Ext.	Warden
	Rose Driscoll	24 Nimitz Street	Ward Clerk
6-1	Theresa Dumais	53 River Street	Warden
	Joan St. Hilaire	272 Lincoln Street	Ward Clerk
6-2	Bertrand A. Dutil	454 Meadowview	Warden
	Irene Thibodeau	15 Louise Avenue	Ward Clerk
7-1	Joan Malenfant	1150 Lisbon Street	Warden
	Diane Roy	82 Gagne Street	Ward Clerk

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7-2	Joan Malenfant Diane Roy	1150 Lisbon Street 82 Gagne Street	Warden Ward Clerk
CV	Elizabeth R. Eckhardt Pauline D. Parshall	8 Hodgkin St. Apt. 1 35 Orchard Circle	Warden Ward Clerk

Passed - Vote 7-0

## **COUNCIL MEETING DATES**

Due to a conflict in schedules with the March Presidential Preference Primary election, the Council chose to not hold a Council meeting on March 7 and to only hold one Council meeting during the month of March, to be held on March 21, unless the need arises for an additional meeting. The Council selected February 22 as the date to hold the Transportation Workshop. The workshop will begin at 7:00pm. It was noted the next joint meeting of the Councils of Auburn and Lewiston will be held on the same night, beginning at 5:30 pm.

## **BIANNUAL AUTHORIZATION FOR CLERK AND TREASURER**

### **VOTE (18)**

Motion by Councilor Carignan, seconded by Councilor Jean:

ORDERED, That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Clerk and Deputy City Clerks to sign all liquor license applications on behalf of the Municipal Officers, during the period January 4, 2000 through January 7, 2002. Passed - Vote 7-0

### **VOTE (19)**

Motion by Councilor Carignan, seconded by Councilor Jean :

ORDERED, That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Clerk and Deputy City Clerks to approve and sign all applications to operate beano, bingo or other games of chance on behalf of the Municipal Officers, during the period January 4, 2000 through January 7, 2002. Passed - Vote 7-0

### **VOTE (20)**

Motion by Councilor Carignan, seconded by Councilor Jean:

ORDERED, That the City Council hereby authorizes the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer to withhold monies payable by the City of Lewiston to cover taxes due; to sign on behalf of the City, the necessary deeds and liens and tax settlements; and to invest funds in accordance with Maine Revised Statutes Annotated, Title 30-A, Section 5706, during the period January 4, 2000 through January 7, 2002. Passed - Vote 7-0

## TRAFFIC SCHEDULE AMENDMENTS

**VOTE (21)**

Motion by Councilor Samson, seconded by Councilor Gousse:

The City Council hereby adopts the following amendments to the Traffic Schedule:

**Section 33 - Parking Time Regulated, 2 Hours, 9:00 am to 9:00 pm****BATES STREET**

Odd numbered side, south side, beginning at a point 42' easterly of the southeast corner of Bates St. & Main St. and extending easterly on Bates St. a distance of 227' (7 spaces).

Odd numbered side, south side, beginning at a point 47' westerly of the southwest corner of Bates St. & Oak St. and extending westerly on Bates St. a distance of 168' (6 spaces).

**MIDDLE STREET**

Even numbered side, north side, beginning at a point 35' easterly of the northeast corner of Middle St. and Main St. and extending easterly on Middle St. a distance of 40' (2 spaces).

Even numbered side, north side, beginning at a point 147' easterly of the northeast corner of Middle St. and Main St. and extending easterly on Middle St. a distance of 20' (1 space).

Even numbered side, north side, beginning at a point 225' easterly of the northeast corner Middle St. and Main St. and extending easterly on Middle St. a distance of 60' (3 spaces).

Even numbered side, north side, beginning at a point 25' westerly of the northwest corner of Middle St. and Oak St. and extending westerly on Middle St. a distance of 120' (6 spaces).

**Section 8 - Parking Meters, Time Limitations, 2 hours****BATES STREET**

~~9 parking spaces westerly side between Main St & Oak St~~

**MIDDLE STREET**

~~10 parking spaces easterly side between Main St & Oak St~~

NOTE: (Additions are underlined; deletions are ~~struck-out~~).



Passed - Vote 7-0

**REPORT FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Councilor Samson reported on the Aspirations Project, which is a school partnership with LL Bean. He also reminded Council of the upcoming joint meeting with the School Committee to be held on February 5, 2000.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Assistant City Administrator Phil Nadeau reminded the Council about the public hearing in Augusta for the Revenue Sharing issue.

The Mayor requested to hear a Youth Report at each Council meeting. The two student representatives to the City Council will be asked to comment on any concerns or observations they may have from their perspective, regarding city and school issues. This will become a standing report at each Council meeting.

Councilor Carignan commented on an upcoming transportation issues meeting to be held at the Public Works Department later in the month.

Mayor Tara reminded the Councilors about the Strategic Planning Committee to be held on February 3 to finalize the agenda for the Council's Strategic Planning Retreat on February 12 and 13.

**VOTE (22)**

Motion by Councilor Samson, second by Councilor Gousse:

To adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Passed - Vote 7-0

A true record, Attest:

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Kathleen M. Montejo, CMC  
City Clerk  
Lewiston, Maine